

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Dominique Charmot et al.
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LETTER TO U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action mailed November 1, 2006. A two month extension of time is requested to extend the due date to April 1, 2007.

Claims 3, 4, 14, 15, 18-22, 29, 30, 34, 36, 40, and 51-75 are pending.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 14, 15, 18-22, 29, 30, 34, 36, 40, and 51-75 as unpatentable over Notenbomer (EP 0730 494) in view of Kelly *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0065090) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). As the basis of this rejection, the Office asserts that

it would have been obvious to combine the specific monomers of the '090 application into the coating of the '494 in order to increase the stability of the coating and particle formulation. An artisan would have further been motivated to combine the thin coating to the core in order to promote the binding of the potassium ions. An artisan of ordinary skill also would have been motivated to treat patient[s] suffering from renal disorders since potassium binding is required and the particles of the combination would inherently bind potassium ions. One